

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

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Ex parte NORBERT CONRADS,  
MARTIN WEIBRECHT, ULRICH SCHIEBEL  
AND HERFRIED WIECZOREK

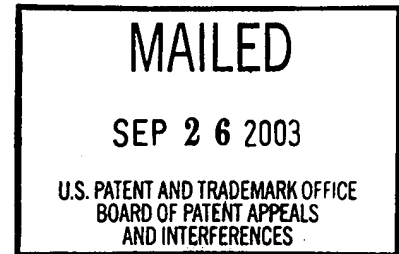
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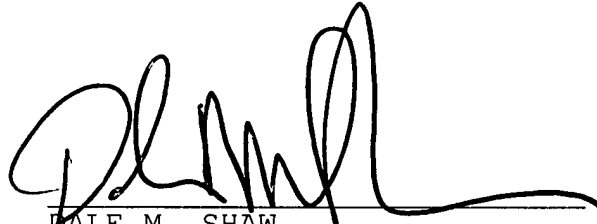


AN ORDER RETURNING AN UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER was mailed on April 30, 2003 (Paper No. 10), which requested that the examiner list the Conrads et al. reference as a reference of record and clarify the pertinence of the Conrads et al. cited on page 3 of the "(10) Grounds of Rejection." In response, the examiner remailed the Examiner's Answer (Paper No. 9) on June 25, 2003 and listed the Conrads et al. reference on page 3 under "(9) Prior Art of Record."

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Accordingly, the case will be assigned in due course to a merits panel for consideration and decision on the written record.

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